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FACT
I HAVE NO CLUE HOW TO FIX THIS MESS.
WITHOUT ISAAC AND HIS POCKET WATCH, I DON'T EVEN HAVE ACCESS TO THE SUMMONING TABLE
MY INSTINCTS TELL ME I NEED TO START FROM SQUARE ONE.
THAT'S RIGHT I STILL HAVE THE BLACK GRIMOIRES
AT LEAST I CAN USE THEM TO PERFORM A BASIC SUMMONS.

SO FAR I'VE MANAGED TO KEEP MYSELF ALIVE WITH MY CURRENT LEVEL OF EXPERTISE BUT THAT'S NOT NEARLY ENOUGH TO BEAT HIM
I ONLY NEED TO TAKE THE LIVE CONTRACTS.
AND THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT'S THE FIEND I'LL HAVE TO GO THROUGH IN ORDER TO SAVE ISAAC.
I'LL DESTROY THE REST LATER.
ALEX FONS WAS RIGHT ABOUT ONE THING I CAN'T BE PRODUCTIVE IF I STAY HERE ON CAMPUS.

WHEN I STARTED THIS PRACTICE I HAD TO SCOUR THE WORLD FOR KNOWLEDGE I'LL JUST HAVE TO DO IT AGAIN
.....?
HMMM... NOT EXACTLY DA VINCI'S SKETCH PAD

MY OLD CARD!
IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A JOKE
HE ACTUALLY KEPT IT
hmm
fun fu fu
fan ha
ha
ha
ha
ha

SINCE IT'S SO PRECIOUS
I GUESS I'LL JUST HAVE TO RETURN IT TO HIM
Pat
Pat
Pat
HMM! WHAT'S THAT SMELL? PAINT THINNER?

CRASH
SHATTR
LUB LUB
LUB
OH GOD
.....

OH MY GOD!
RIING
hah
hag
FFOOSSH
!!!

No..
SIZZZ
Where the hell did they get Runic Fire from?
With all the artifacts here, this place is going up in flames.
God Damn my big mouth!
OH CRAP! MY KEYS!
Well, at least I know who I antagonized this time..

God. Simon! When are you going to learn to keep them around your neck!?
Great! Sounds like the bastards are coming around for another pass.
Better grab what I can and use the back door.

SHIT!
KREEK
GUSH
GAAH!
the Grimoires!
...have to save them!

Have to-
haaa
THUMP

THIS IS IT...HOW CAN IT BE FINISHED? AFTER ALL THE PAIN ALL THE SACRIFICES.
ROASTED IN MY OWN SHOP... WELL, MORE ACCURATELY DEATH BY SMOKE INHALATION
KRAKLE
DO STORIES JUST END LIKE THIS...?

KRAAAK
CRUK
CRUK
I-...
SAAC...?

HHF
FFA
SHOOOOM
n-
nuh
NOOO

NOO
CRACK
Whip
AAAG
Guaaa
Gaaa

GUURRRRRRRRR
OI! SIMON!
I GOT YA MATE!

ha-ah
aha
haa
M-MATE ..?
COOOR! WHAT THE BLOODY 'ELL!? W'ARE YA LOOKIN' TA CRACK O'ER THAT ESS 'EAD OF YOURS!
H'AND HERE I THOUGHT I 'AD DEMONS!
ACK!
HARVEY!
AWWW! THE GHEILL VOICE OF ACHING PASSION! MISS ME THAT MUCH?
NO! NO! NO!
HEY NOW! ME CLUB AIN'T THAT BUSTED!
NO! I MEAN-
HARVEY .. WHAT HAPPENED?

WELL-E-EH! AFTER GETTIN' H'ALL SHINY AND NEW AND STITCHED UP, I WANTED TO CHECK IN ON ME FAVORITE OCCULT LAWYER!
MON CHERE O'ER YONDER ADMINISTERED A THRASHING WHAT TOOK 'EM BACK TO THEIR SWADDLING DAYS
SO, D ERE WE WERE RIGHT AT YOUR FRONT DOOR, WHEN WE CATCH THESE DODGY TOSSERS SETTIN' A FLAME TO THE PLACE WITH YOU IN IT!
HAAA ..!

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
OH, THE ARSE-WHOOPING WAS GLORIOUS! WHAT A SORRY PACK O KNOB 'EADS!
KEHEHE!! SHOULDA BEEN D'ERE, MATE!
AWAAG
WAIT, YOU WERE D ERE PASSED OUT IN ME BRAWNY ARMS-CHA-HAH-HA! YA KNOW, FOR A TWIGGY BEANPOLE YOU SURE WERE A 'ANDFUL TO CARRY OUTTA THE FIRE!
UUUGH!
AH! FIRE! THE GHOP!
IT'S GONE, SIMON. GOOD RIDDANCE.

KreeK
FRED! YOU CAME!
OF COURSE! WHO ELSE WOULD YOU PREFER TO GET YOU OUT OF THOSE DIRTY CLOTHES?
THANK YOU...
OH! I FORGOT... RUNIC FIRE TARGETED ALL THE IMBUED ARTIFACTS.
I COULDN'T SAVE THE GRIMOIRES.
STOP
GOOD RIDDANCE TO THEM AS WELL!
YOU SHOULD NOT 'AVE POSSESSED THOSE BLACK TOMES TO BEGIN WITH!

EVEN SCANNING PAGES INSIDE THAT DEVICE YOU KEEP SEE DANGEROUS'
BUT OF COURSE AN AMERICAN ONLY THINKS OF THEE QUICK AND EAZEE WAY, NOT THEE CONSEQUENCES!
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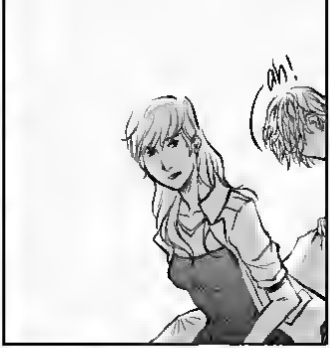
DO YOU REELIZE AT'ALL WHAT 'APPENS TO YOUZ BODY EETCH TIME YOU-
OI! TIME FOR US TO STEP-OUT, LUY.. I NEED ME A FAG..
MONGR. LUMENG...

WE CAME HERE FOR BUSINESS. DO YOU NOT SEE THEE SEAL ON 'IS 'AND BEE ALREADY BROKEN?
THERE BEZ NO TIME TO-
AYE, AYE O'ERE'LL BE TIME ENOUGH, MON CH'EZE
FOR PITY'S SAKE, HOW 'BOUT WE GIVE YOUNG SIMON HERE A BIT O' PRIVACY WINK-WINK—
CAN'T YOU SEE D BEE PAWING ABOUT LIKE TWO RABBITS DESPERATE FOR A HUMP
HEHEH! THE MASTER OF DELICACY STRIKES AGAIN! AFTER YOU, MILADY
ASS— IF I HEAR A SINGLE LINE OF TRIVIA FROM YOUR MOUTH, I WILL CHOKE YOU

NO FAIR! I CAN'T CONTROL IT!
Shut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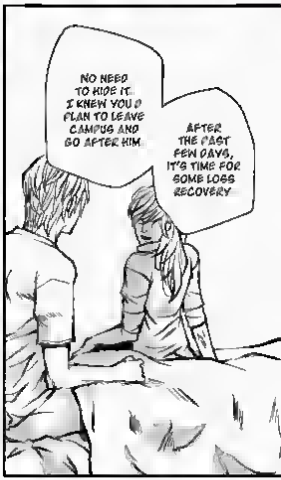
Hm-
Hahaha
FRED, NO-
LOOKS LIKE YOU HAVE ANOTHER TRIP COMING UP, DON'T YOU?


NO NEED TO HIDE IT. I KNEW YOU'D PLAN TO LEAVE CAMPUS AND GO AFTER HIM.
AFTER THE PAST FEW DAYS, IT'S TIME FOR SOME LOSS RECOVERY.

WELL, NO BETTER THAN HOBSON AND HIS HORSES.
THE OLD OPTION TO WALK AWAY WITH NOTHING OR RISK IT ALL ON AN UNKNOWN HORSE
BUT IT NEVER REALLY WAS A CHOICE FOR YOU, WAS IT?

TOO BAD FOR HOBSON AND HIS DEMON THEY DIDN'T BANK ON A CERTAIN OCCULT LAWYER TO SETTLE THE SCORE
SO YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO DEAL WITH THEM THE SAME WAY YOU DEAL WITH ALL YOUR CASES BRILLIANTLY
I GUESS THOUGH IN YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES, IT WOULD BE DEMONS

I CONFESS, I DID TRY TO PERSUADE YOU OTHERWISE, THINKING I KNEW WHAT WAS BEST
BUT THEN I WASN'T SPEAKING AS THE SMARTER, WISER MUCH SENIOR MENTOR YOU'RE USED TO.
I ASSUME YOUR NEW VISITORS ARE HERE TO OFFER SOME HELP IN YOUR EFFORTS?
I WON'T LIE, I'M A BIT JEALOUS YOU'RE TAKING A EUROPEAN VACATION WITHOUT ME BUT I THINK THIS IS AS FAR AS I CAN GO
... FRED, I'LL STILL NEED YOU MORE THAN EVER.
WHICH IS WHY I SHOULD LEAVE TO REBUILD WITH MY OWN STRENGTH.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT THINGS HERE. I'LL MAKE SURE THAT JUNG UNDERSTANDS
THANK YOU, FRED. IF IT'S ANY CONSOLATION, THERE WON'T BE ANY TIME FOR SIGHT-SEEING
I'M GOING TO TAKE THE HEAD OF THE ORRACULUM UP ON HIS OFFER.
I'LL LEARN ALL I CAN FROM THE ORRACULUM AND THEIR TREASURE VAULTS
THAT'S WHERE MY KEYS CAME FROM AND THE GRIMOIRES. THAT'S WHERE I'LL PICK MY BATTLES
IT'LL BE LIKE MY DAYS AS A BRAND NEW LAW STUDENT ONLY THIS TIME I'LL MASTER OCCULT LAWS.

AFTER ALL, I CAN ASSURE YOU, THE DEVIL'S GREATEST ENEMY IS REASON
I LET HIM TAKE ISAAC AND SARAH BECAUSE OF FEAR AND PRIDE. HIS GREATEST WEAPONS
BUT FROM THIS MOMENT FORWARD I, SIMON, OCCULT LAWYER, SWEAR! WHEN WE MEET AGAIN, I WILL MAKE THE DEVIL REGRET COLLECTING HIS DUE
TO BE CONTINUED